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XX. We agree with Freymond and Amembassy Amman recommendation that Jordanian Government should be encouraged assume greater role in next few days. Specifically GOJ should be able, through its high-level contacts with PLO/Fatah as well as other Palestinian groups, to locate and verify identification hostages as well provide us with any info that may come to them re demands being made for their release. However, we feel strongly ICRC, as confirmed in last night's Bern meeting, should be negotiating instrumentality. Is GOJ our wish to concert more closely with/ROX in this phase.

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